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Art Unit:

Title:

A Method Of Marking Solid Or Liquid Substances With Nucleic Acid

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Sir:

As identified in the attached Notice, the declaration is missing in the application and replacement drawings for Figures 1-3 are required. Please note that due to the nature of Figures 1-3 in the invention, it is impossible to make the drawings with clarity better than what has been submitted. Previous issued patents such as US 6,774,284 and US 6,780,982 also have similar drawing quality. To achieve better clarity, applicants respectfully request that the submitted black and while photographs of Figures 1-3 be accepted.

The following items are herewith respectfully submitted to complete the application.

- 1. A copy of the Notice dated 08/02/2004.
- 2. An executed Declaration signed by the inventors.
- 3. Two sheets of black and white photographs as replacement drawings for Figures 1-3.

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4. A Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 for the late declaration charge \$65.00.

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Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.

 A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
 - The drawings submitted to the Office are not electronically reproducible. Drawing sheets must be submitted on paper, which is flexible, strong, white, smooth, non-shiny, and durable (see 37 CFR 1.84(e)). See Figure(s) 1-3.

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